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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear DOJ:

I am responding to the email that Microsoft sent advising me to let the DOJ know my opinion regarding the settlement. I think the settlement stinks to high heaven. In the past, I have been pro-Microsoft (years ago as an IT professional, I choose MS Windows 3.0 over the Mac, OS2, and UNIX clients - I took a professional blow for being so controversial). Presently, in my opinion, Microsoft is not serving the best needs of the public nor the stockholders.

As I understand the settlement, Microsoft is proposing to push its IT solution upon the upcoming generations through education. This is not a fine but an investment. More stringent punitive judgments need to be assessed. I suggest the following:

- billions should be awarded to alternative operating systems and office suites that promote a more open system

- pre Windows XP version source code (client only), should be made available to the public

- Microsoft should lose its Windows trademark, any interested party should be able to license their own version of Windows.

The fact that Microsoft is behaving in a monopolistic manor during this controversial time, is a further indication of the company's contempt for the judicial proceedings and the public's welfare at-large. I urge the DOJ to continue negotiations with the public's interest as its guiding light.

Sincerely,
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